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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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The attached English-language abstracts represent counsel's best understanding of the Japanese references. While machine translations of the references are believed to be available at http://www.ipdl.inpit.go.jp/homepg_e.ipdl, the reliability and intelligibility of these translations leave much to be desired.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not intended as a representation that a search has been made, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, or that any of the above references constitutes prior art to the present application within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102.

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